12 September 1972

Dear General Goodpaster:

Many thanks for your kind invitation to attend the General Assembly Meeting at SHAPE on 30 September. Unfortunately, as I told Colonel Sittner, I cannot make it. I will be in Europe a little later and it would be hard for me to justify both trips so close together.

The fact that I cannot attend in no way lessens the warm memories I retain of SHAPE and the ten years I have spent at NATO.

With every good wish to Dossie and to you and with many thanks,

Faithfully,

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